

RESOLUTION NO. 84-159

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 36, THE
JARVIS IV INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Jarvis IV Initiative Constitutional Amendment which will appear on the November ballot as Proposition 36 would lead to de facto minority rule by requiring a two-thirds vote for many important local government decisions; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, by further restricting local governments' revenue-raising authority beyond the requirements imposed by Propositions 13 and 4, would seriously weaken the concept of "Home Rule" by making local agencies more dependent upon the State for their financial stability; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36 will further reduce the ability of local government to plan for and finance public services and capital improvements needed to sustain development and accommodate economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 36 will widen the disparities between the taxation of properties with similar market values; and

WHEREAS, while the supporters of Proposition 36 claim it will reduce taxes, it will actually increase property taxes for nearly all taxpayers who have purchased properties since 1978, including approximately 50% of the homeowners in California; and

WHEREAS, one widely applauded result of Proposition 13 has been to relieve general taxpayers of the burden of paying for services which could be charged directly to the service user through fees, this trend will be reversed, returning part of the financial burden for fee-supported services to general taxpayers if Proposition 36 is enacted; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 36 will cost local school districts some \$750 million in 1985-86, thereby seriously jeopardizing the urgently needed improvements in primary and secondary public education in California; and

WHEREAS, many of the provisions of Proposition 36 are confusing and ambiguous and will require further clarification, either by future ballot measures, state legislation and/or court interpretation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Lodi opposes Proposition 36, the Jarvis IV Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Dated: October 17, 1984

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 84-159 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held Wednesday, October 17, 1984 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Hinchman, Reid, & Snider (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members: Olson and Pinkerton

Absent: Council Members: None


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk